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1. CAMEROON FESTIVELY CELEBRATED NATIONAL DAY MAY 20--
THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF UNITARY REPUBLIC--WITH USUAL PANOPLY
OF PARADES, DECORATIONS, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, SPORTS EVENTS, AND
MASSIVE RECEPTION AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

2. CONTRARY TO WIDESPREAD EXPECTATION, NATIONAL DAY CAME AND
PASSED WITHOUT AHIDJO NAMING PRIME MINISTER (POST WAS CREATED
BY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROMULGATED INTO LAW ON MAY 9)
OR ANNOUNCING EXPECTED MAJOR CABINET RESHUFFLE. WHETHER
HE WILL DO SO PRIOR TO JUNE 2 OPENING OF ANNUAL BUDGET SESSION
OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS ANYBODY'S GUESS. BOTH CAMEROONIANS
AND FOREIGN OBSERVERS STILL SEE MINISTER OF STATE SECGEN AT
PRESIDENCY PAUL BIYA AS MOST LIKELY PM NOMINEE, BUT VETERAN
AHIDJO WATCHERS AWARE POSSIBLY NO ONE BUT AHIDJO ACTUALLY
KNOWS WHO CHOICE WILL BE AND SECRET WILL BE CAREFULLY GUARDED
UNTIL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE.

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